

HOUSE BILL 1992
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1,
relative to compensation and expenses of members of the
general assembly.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. (a) There is created an advisory commission to be known as the
commission on compensation and expenses of the general assembly.

(b) On or before February 1, 1997, the commission shall make recommendations to the
speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives as to what the
commission believes to be the appropriate compensation, office and home office expense
allowance, individual expense allowance and travel expense reimbursement for members and
officers of the general assembly. The commission shall also recommend an appropriate
mechanism, if any, for future adjustments to such compensation, expense allowances and travel
expense reimbursement. The commission shall also propose rules for allowable office, home
office and individual allowance expenses and rules for travel reimbursement.

(c) The commission shall consist of ten (10) members, five (5) of whom shall be
appointed by the speaker of the senate and five (5) of whom shall be appointed by the speaker
of the house. These ten (10) members shall be chosen from each of the three (3) grand
divisions in a manner so as to achieve as equal a representation as possible. Membership shall
include residents of urban as well as rural areas of the state. In making the appointments
authorized herein, the speakers shall appoint citizens who have demonstrated integrity and are
widely recognized as knowledgeable and successful in the areas of business and finance.

Such appointees should have demonstrated leadership ability, broadly based knowledge, and business or professional ability. No member of the commission shall be an elected municipal, county, or state official or an employee of state or local government, or an employee of any association of governments or government officials.

(d) The commission shall meet in Nashville at such times and places as it deems necessary.

(e) The commission shall elect one (1) member to serve as chair of the commission.

(f) The commission may establish such subcommittees as it deems necessary for the performance of its duties.

(g) Members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for travel and other expenses actually incurred in the performance of their official duties. Such reimbursement shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

(h) The office of the comptroller of the treasury, the office of the state treasurer and the office of legislative administration shall provide staff and such other assistance as may be necessary for the commission to fulfill its duties.

(i) The commission shall cease to exist upon filing its recommendations with the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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